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**One of my favorite aspects of being Council President Pro Tem is planning our annual holiday clothes and toy drive. This year, my Council colleagues and I collected items for Father Joe's Women & Children shelter!**



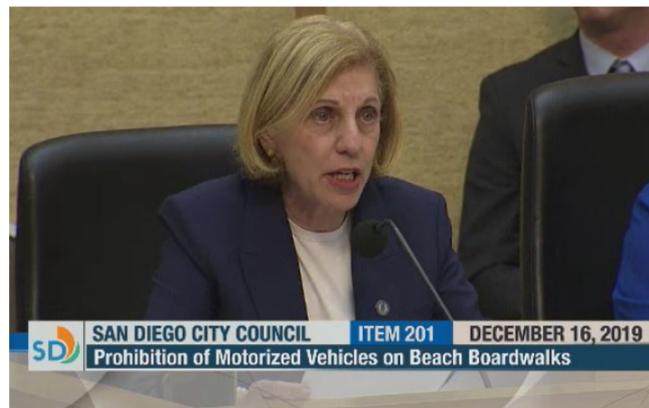
# City Hall Deep Dive

*Legislative Happenings  
& Highlights*

## Motorized Devices Banned on Beach Boardwalks

On Monday, December 16, 2019, the City Council passed my legislation prohibiting motorized vehicles on our boardwalks. I am proud to represent our coastal communities and lead on this important issue that impacts not only District 1 residents but all San Diegans and tourists who visit our world class beaches.

Motorized devices are not appropriate for boardwalks. Their unique characteristics including their rate of acceleration and jerkiness are exacerbated by the sandy surfaces of the boardwalk. This, coupled with the boardwalks' pedestrian-heavy traffic, make the use of these motorized devices incompatible. This is exactly why state law defined Class I bike paths to exclude motorized modes of transportation. My legislation aligns San Diego with California State law.



Despite attempts from councilmembers Ward, Cate, Sherman, and Gomez to make this a mobility issue, four of my colleagues fully recognized this as a clear public safety problem in need of remedy. Injuries to users and innocent bystanders have varied in severity from scrapes and bruises to fractures, head injuries, and sadly, death.

This ban further keeps our police, firefighters, and lifeguards on duty to keep us safe. Councilmember Sherman proposed hiring police officers to monitor scooter speeds on the boardwalk during a projected \$84M budget deficit year. I fought to keep our officers engaged in neighborhood policing, thwarting crime, fighting fires, and focusing on the water to keep beachgoers safe.

I am grateful to each community member who made their voice heard; the Mayor's Office; and my council colleagues Campbell, Montgomery, Kersey, and Moreno for their commitment to protecting our City.

There will be a second reading of the ordinance in January, and once passed, it will take effect 13 days later. We will keep you posted regarding the second reading as we will need your help once again to protect our progress!

Moving forward, I am dedicated to achieving more rational public safety measures. At the top of my list is demanding that the State Legislature repeal Assembly Bill 2989, which removed helmet requirements for riders over the age of 18.

### Examining how the city does business with small businesses

The City of San Diego awards billions of dollars every year to consultants and contractors. The companies that receive contracts should reflect the City's diversity. Opportunities for minority, women, and disabled veteran-owned businesses to compete for and win contracts must be provided and safeguarded. That is why my Council colleagues and I unanimously approved a Disparity Study to examine whether any gaps exist in the city's contracting process. The study will also provide recommendations on how to address and eliminate any identified gaps.



# Getting it Done in District One!



## Carmel Valley

I am working with the Parks and Recreation Department to assess the age and safety of light poles at Carmel Valley Community Park, especially after the recent storms. Four poles have been knocked down, and are currently in the process of being removed and replaced by the Streets Division. I am also aware of minor flooding at Surf Cup fields, and am working with both the property holders and Transportation & Storm Water to remedy the situation. Lastly, I am working to have debris removed from the San Dieguito Lagoon after the storms.



## University City

Thank you to the many constituents who have reached out to me over the past month about the construction changes at the UC Village Golf Course. I appreciate the dedication of these constituents for being the eyes and the ears of the UC community. I am working with Development Services Department (DSD) to identify and eliminate issues. The golf course is temporary closed for upgrades and will reopen to the public, as per DSD. Please contact me with all questions and concerns!



## Del Mar Heights

I contact Transportation & Storm Water Department whenever rain is predicted. I ensure that they are taking precautionary measures and responding to flooding issues in the western section of Sorrento Valley (including Roselle Street). My team is on-site after every major storm to access the flooding and to witness the impacts first-hand. We are in contact with our local businesses before and after any storm. Again, please contact me with all questions and concerns!



## La Jolla

“Continental” crosswalks are currently being installed at the intersection of Girard and Pearl. Also known as “ladder” or “zebra-striped” crosswalks, the large stripes on the pavement help pedestrians to be more visible to drivers. The \$300,000 project will also include audible signals for the visually impaired and curb cut/ramps. The improvements are designed to make the intersection safer for students attending La Jolla Elementary and Gillispie School, as well as all who cross the street.



# BB in the Community



*I was honored to welcome 32 international female leaders to the Global Social Hour- International Women Leaders in Peace & Security hosted by the US Department of State and the Women's Museum of California. These leaders shared their experiences promoting for peace and stability in their local communities across the globe.*



*Last month, I distributed Cal Fire's brush management guides to District 1 residents who are near canyons. San Diego's wildfire season now spreads across 12 months and we must be proactive and prepared:*

[www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/brush/](http://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/brush/)



*I visited Computers 2 Kids in Sorrento Valley. I was impressed by their commitment to ensuring that all children and their families, regardless of economic status, have equal tech access. If you have an old computer that you're no longer using, consider donating it to this amazing non-profit:*

<https://www.c2sdk.org/>

## What's your favorite part of the workday?

*I always looking forward to catching up and eating lunch with my amazing staff. Our lunches always involve lots of food and laughs which make for a fun and lively break from the day's responsibilities.*



## How would your 10-year-old self react to what you do?

*I always wanted to serve my community, but I think that 10-year-old Barbara would be surprised that I became an elected official. Even back then, I was set on being a reporter. Little did my 10-year-old self know that I would be a reporter and much more!*

## What is a good article that you have read lately?

*I read an inspiring article about the oldest living couple who celebrated their 80th anniversary this month. To commemorate this milestone, John (106 years old) picked up Charlotte (105 years old) in a 1920s roadster, much like he did on their first date. It was encouraging to read about a couple who is still going strong after being together for 80 years.*



## A Brief Break with Barbara







## More Around the Neighborhood

### Brunch with Bry in University City

Thank you for joining me on a rainy Saturday to enjoy some delicious food and engage in relevant conversation. I always look forward to meeting with community members to hear about what is going well in the district and where I can be of assistance. We discussed budget priorities, Miramar Landfill odors, and improvements to Standley Park. Thank you, Outcast Grill for welcoming us!

Keep a look out for the next Brunch with Bry in the early part of 2020.



### Recycling throughout San Diego

California has a recycling program that encourages consumers to turn in bottles and cans to recycling centers and in return receive a small amount of money per product. However, many residents do not take advantage of money that they could claim each month.

According to Consumer Watchdog, 40% of the state's recycling centers have closed since 2014, reflecting low demand for these services. Josh Turchin wants to make the recycling center process easier and more accessible for San Diegans. Turchin started One Earth Recycling in El Cajon and will open this first "new format" recycling center at 1640 Camino Del Rio N. in Mission Valley.

The "new format" centers are intended to make claiming recycling deposits easier. The centers will be shipping containers repurposed as recycling kiosks where individuals can recycle a variety of materials and claim redemptions. Turchin's goal is to open four recycling centers in San Diego in 2020 and 12 more in the region in 2021. Look for these centers across the city and utilize them to recycle sustainably while earning some money!



# A Look From Within

*Internal news from the Office of Barbara Bry*



## SPECIAL INVITATION



You are cordially invited to attend the  
third annual State of the District Address by:

### Barbara Bry

*Council President Pro Tem  
City of San Diego District 1*

**When:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Program begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** University City High School Library  
6949 Genesee Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92122

*Light refreshments will be offered.*

*Open to the public. RSVP required by Monday,  
January 27, 2020 to [lfleming@sandiego.gov](mailto:lfleming@sandiego.gov)*



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